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Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE

This communication is responsive to the Official Action in the above case mailed 5/24/02.

At the outset, Applicant points out to the Examiner that a number of very substantial changes have been made to the claims following review of the Examiner's comments and the references cited in the preceding Official Action, including numerous cancelled claims, that significantly change the focus of this application. Applicant requests thoughtful reconsideration of this application from the standpoint of the extensively revised claims now presented, and believes that all such claims recite novel and unobvious subject matter.

Attached is a marked-up version of the changes to the claims by the current Amendment.

The attached pages are captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made."